

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 15-18 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to focus the subject matter presented for the Examiner. These claims may be re-presented at a later date. After entry of these amendments, the remaining claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. The present amendment is submitted in accordance with the Revised Amendment Format as set forth in the Notice provided on the USPTO web site for the Office of Patent Legal Administration; Pre-OG Notices, signed 1/31/03.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

Respectfully submitted,



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